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	Examiner		Art Unit	
	Ing-Hour Lin		1725	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16,17 and 21-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16,17 and 21-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 17 and 27 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/204,692.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 17 and 27 are objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 17, line 3, "activity" should be changed to --cavity--. In claim 27, lines 1 and 3, "casted" should be changed to --cast--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 27-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 27, lines 1-2, "whereby a casted three-dimensional grid coating of the passages" is unclear because the relationship between the cast three-dimensional grid and cast coating is not supported or defined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 16-17 and 21-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Frasier.

Frasier (col. 4, lines 58+) teaches the claimed cast workpiece including airfoil for a gas turbine engine such as a blade and a vane having thin wall structures and hollow airfoil with thin film cooling (col. 9, lines 29+), comprising three-dimensional grid structure or an integral structure in Fig. 8, having cooling passageways and high thermal conductivity material such as NiAl rods 30'. The cast structure includes very thin walls 0.03 inches (col. 3, lines 62+) and passageways interposed between pair of walls of about a quarter of the wall area and forming the hollow airfoils with thin film cooling. A single-cast investment casting method is used to cast a component including one of a vane and a blade in a turbine assembly, comprising making a multi-wall ceramic core coupled or bonded with high thermal conductivity material such as NiAl rods which can withstand casting and have a diameter of 0.09 to 0.55 inches (col. 6, lines 49+) for casting and removing the cores to obtain the final cast including airfoil for a gas turbine engine, thin wall structures and hollow airfoil with thin film cooling wherein the passageway having a width or radius of 0.005 to 0.015 inches (col. 6, lines 22+). Therefore, it is the examiner's position that the cast workpiece comprising three-dimensional grid structure or an integral structure having the cooling passageway produced by Frasier will provide the same function of cooling.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ing-Hour Lin whose telephone number is (571) 272-1180. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:00-5:30).

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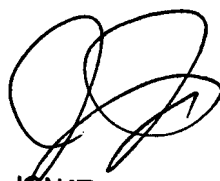
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jonathan Johnson can be reached on (571) 272-1177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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